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INVENTION: METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING DATA STREAMS OF
DIFFERENT TRANSMISSION RATES BETWEEN A
FIRST AND SECOND TRANSMISSION UNIT

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Sir:

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SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

25 METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING DATA STREAMS OF DIFFERENT
TRANSMISSION RATES BETWEEN A FIRST AND SECOND
TRANSMISSION UNIT

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

30 In order to utilize better the transmission capacity available in
communications networks, in particular optical communications networks,
multiplexers are used to multiplex input-end channels in wavelength multiplexers.

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